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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/16/00	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/09/00
BRO-FRY	152,726	147,293
LT HENS	1,894	1,952
HVY HENS	1,214	1,371

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 09-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	447	11	458
LAST WEEK	376	11	387
SAME WK YR AGO	488	0	488
TO DATE 2000	21,895	387	22,282
TO DATE 1999	22,413	282	22,695

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,374	1,364	3,738
LAST WEEK	2,252	1,357	3,609
SAME WK YR AGO	2,655	1,425	4,080
TO DATE 2000	114,273	70,972	185,245
TO DATE 1999	123,299	69,453	192,752

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 09-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	151,794 (A)	1,927	1,353	3,280
AVG WT	5.17	3.40	7.69	5.17
LAST WEEK	146,306	1,876	1,346	3,222
SAME WEEK YR AGO	151,438	2,167	1,425	3,592
AVG WT	5.01	3.41	7.93	5.20
TO-DATE/2000	7,523,509	92,378	68,922	161,300
TO-DATE/1999	7,392,751	100,886	69,171	170,057

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.6 million head or 5.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 02, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	35,671	27,826	51,030
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.70	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	24%	45%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	30,197	17,326	34,042
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.81	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	37%	21%	42%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	36,769	32,291	42,819
AVG WEIGHT	3.86	4.83	6.17
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	29%	38%
TO DATE/1998	1,573,959	1,579,271	1,946,976
TO DATE/1997	1,529,572	1,487,372	1,947,742

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-DEC-00
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503
AVG WT	15.32	24.23	24.02	27.51	20.10
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,551 (C)		0	47	4,598
AVG WT	24.62 (C)		0.00	26.81	24.65
TO-DATE/2000	240,542 (C)		1,691	1,219	243,452
TO-DATE/1999	239,074 (C)		731	1,813	241,618

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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